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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. 9858-000018

First Inventor Joseph P. Jones et al.

Title CONTACT START PLASMA ARC TORCH AND METHOD OF  
INITIATING A PILOT ARC

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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 51]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 24]
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(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
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ii. ☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS**

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
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(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
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17. ☒ Other: Check

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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09 / 794,540

Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorney Docket No.	9858-000018

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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)**

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
99	-20**	79	9
13	-3**	10	42
Multiple Dependent			0

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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113	1,840*	113	1,840*
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117	920	217	460
118	1,440	218	720
128	1,960	228	980
119	310	219	155
120	310	220	155
121	270	221	135
138	1,510	138	1,510
140	110	240	55
141	1,240	241	620
142	1,240	242	620
143	440	243	220
144	600	244	300
122	130	122	130
123	130	123	130
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149	710	249	355
179	710	279	355
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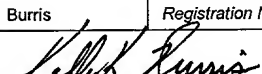
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